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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Shotaro YAMAGUCHI  
NOVEL PROTEIN-DEAMIDATING ENZYME, MICROORGANISM PRODUCING THE  
SAME, GENE ENCODING THE SAME, PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR, AND USE  
THEREOF  
Our Ref. Q62106

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 87 sheets of the specification, claims, four (4) sheets of drawings, eight (8) pages of Sequence Listing, 3.5" disk containing Sequence Listing in a computer readable form, Preliminary Amendment, Statement to Support Filing and Submission in Accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 and a microorganism Deposit Receipt. The requisite U.S. Government Filing fee, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	43	-	20	=	23	x	\$18.00	=	\$414.00
Independent claims	15	-	3	=	12	x	\$80.00	=	\$960.00
Base Fee									\$710.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee									\$270.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<b>\$2354.00</b>

Priority is claimed from December 03, 1999 based on Japanese Application No. Hei. 11-345044. The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on a Sunday, the filing of this application on Monday, December 4, 2000 is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,  
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